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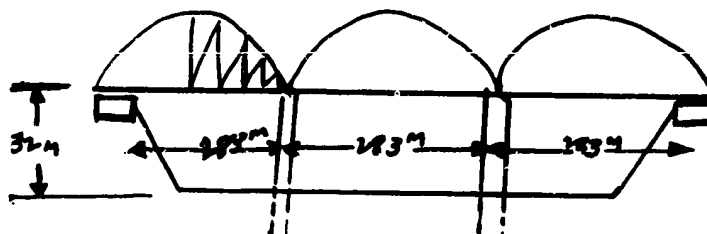
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Ulla Bridge

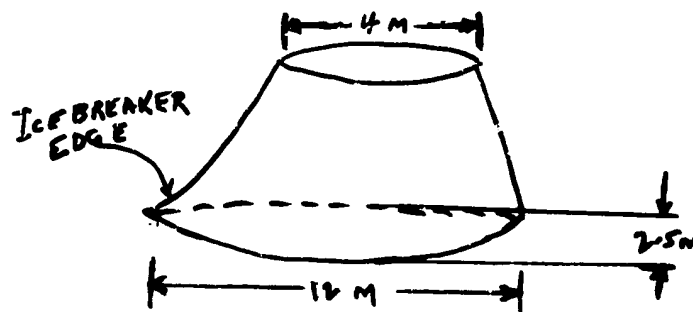
1. The middle span of the Ulla three span bridge was destroyed in 1941. The German Army Command employed the German Betonier Co. in Linz, Austria, two hundred Germans, and five hundred Soviet prisoners of war to rebuild the middle span. Construction was completed in September 1943, just prior to the time the Red Army retook the bridge intact.

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2. The bridge design was as follows:



3. The piers were concrete and granite, shaped as follows:



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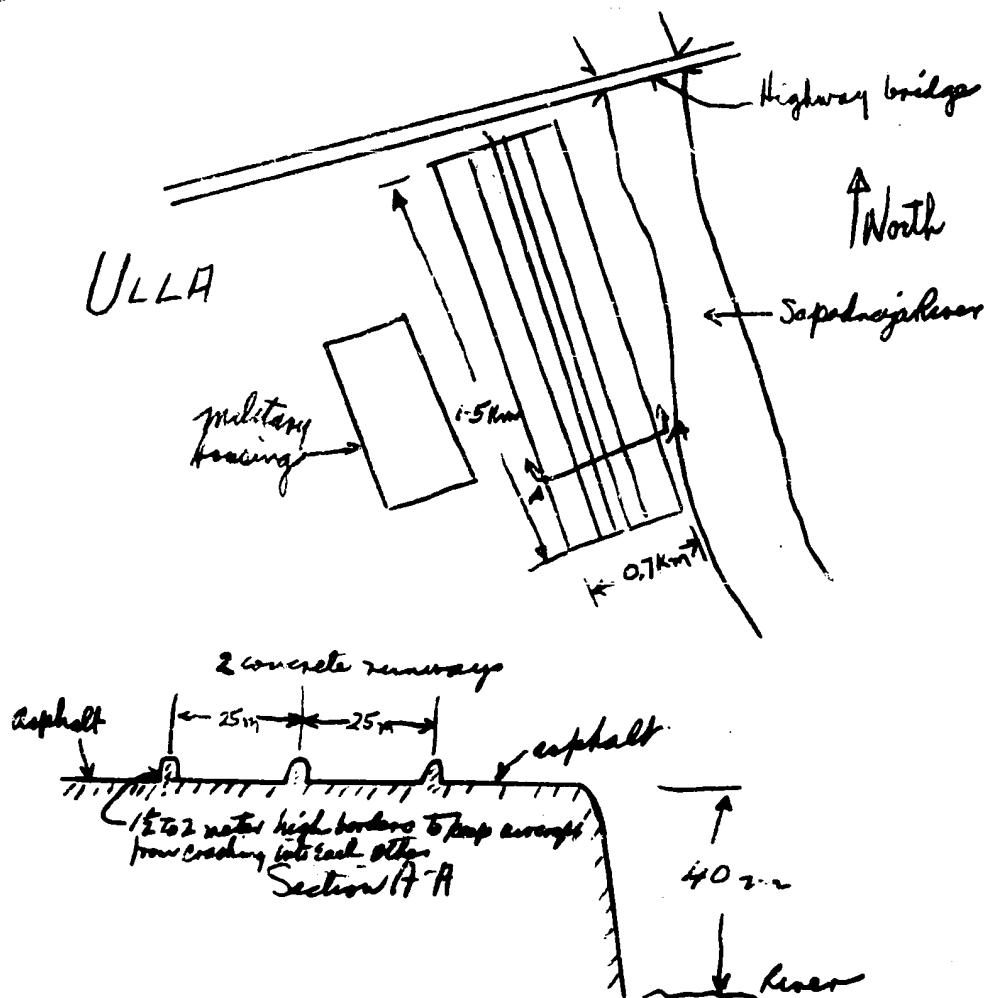
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4. Each span was laid so that one end of each span was fixed and the other end was movable on rollers, to allow for expansion. Each span consisted of heavy "I" beams from pier to pier, covered with four-inch by six-inch section planks bolted to the "I" beam flange. The bridge was 13 ft wide, with eight feet for vehicles and two and a half feet on each side for pedestrian traffic. Although the bridge capacity was 24 tons, German "Tiger" tanks, weighing 70 tons, crossed the bridge in September 1943.

Ulla Airport

5. Immediately south of the bridge and river was the Ulla airport. In August and September 1943, the German Air Force operated one and two engine aircraft from this field almost continually. The field was laid out as follows:



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6. [redacted] six thousand Polish officers were imprisoned in the military housing shown, before being taken to Katyn and massacred by the Red Army.

Kamen-Skorowo Road

7. A German map, Übersichtskarte von Mitteleuropa, scale 1:300,000, Sonderausgabe VII 40, shows an incomplete poor highway from Kamen to just above Skorowo [sic]. the road was similar to the highway from Kamen to Botschaikowo [sic]. It was constructed about 1930 of six- to seven-inch diameter eggstone, with about four inches of sand underneath. It was a well drained allweather road about 10 feet wide. The other two highways out of Kamen were each about 10 feet wide, constructed in the same manner. [redacted] the roads had a 10-ton capacity, but [redacted] the German Army was badly overloading the roads.

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